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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO GUATEMALA FROM USUN NEW  
YORK 18 DEC 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 6026

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN XM

SUBJ: LA MEMBERSHIP ON COMITE OF 24

REF: USUN 5982

1. LA GROUP, MEETING MORNING DEC 16, ENDORSED GUATEMALA'S  
CANDIDACY FOR COMITE OF 24 OVER OBJECTIONS OF ARGENTINA AND  
SOME CARIBBEANS (JAMAICA, GUYANA), WHO ARGUED THAT CUBA  
WAS IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH GROUP AND SHOULD THEREFORE  
NOT BE OPPOSED. GROUP APPOINTED EL SALVADOR  
AMB TO APPROACH CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON AND ASK HIM TO WITHDRAW  
CUBAN CANDIDACY FOR COMITE IN RETURN FOR LA'S FORFEITING  
ONE SPACE ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD TO CUBA.  
ALARCON REJECTED THIS COMPROMISE OUT OF HAND.

2. AT UNGA PLENARY MEETING AFTERNOON DEC 16, UNGA PRESIDENT  
BOUDEFILKA ANNOUNCED VENEZUELAN WITHDRAWAL FROM COMITE AND  
SAID NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE APPOINTED AT "LATER MEETING."  
LA GROUP CHAIRMAN (HAITIAN PERMREP SICLAIT) CALLED ON UNGA  
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PRESIDENT BOUDEFILKA DEC 17 TO CONVEY TO HIM LA GROUP

ENDORSEMENT OF GUATEMALA. BOUTEFLIKA SAID HE WOULD APPOINT CUBA SINCE CUBANS HAD SUBMITTED THEIR CANDIDACY FIRST, CUBA IN "REALLY MEMBER OF LA GROUP" AND UNGA RESOLUTION 1514 ESTABLISHING COMITE DOES NOT, IN ANY CASE, REQUIRED UNGA PRESIDENT TO CONSULT WITH REGIONAL GROUPS BEFORE MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

3. WE DISCREETLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH KEY DELEGATES TODAY AND WILL ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE GUATEMALAN PERMREP TO MEET BOUTEFLIKA MORNING DEC 18 AND PRESENT ARGUMENT THAT CUBA CANNOT BE CONSIDERED MEMBER OF LA GROUP SINCE JUST YESTERDAY IT WAS RE-ELECTED TO UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS EASTERN EUROPEAN (SOCIALIST CANDIDATE). CHILEAN DEPUTY PERMREP HAS AGREED TO ASK HIS AMB TO MAKE SAME PITCH TO GUATEMALAN AMB. NEVERTHELESS IT NOW APPEARS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO PREVENT BOUTEFLIKA FROM NAMING CUBA AT LAST MEETING OF CURRENT SESSION TOMORROW SINCE HE HAS APPARENTLY MADE FIRM COMMITMENT TO ALARCON. SCALI UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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